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## Redondo Beach Doctor, Office Assistant Charged with Selling Narcotics

A Redondo Beach neurologist and his office assistant are awaiting arraignment today on charges that they sold powerful narcotics to undercover police, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Dr. Gerard Geoffrey Goryl (dob 8/29/55) and Wilfred Arvizo Jr. (dob 9/25/47) are scheduled to be arraigned after 1:30 p.m. at the Foltz Criminal Justice Center in Department 30. They are charged in case number BA425640. Prosecutors will ask that bail be set at \$120,000 each.

Deputy District Attorneys Emily Street and John Niedermann of the Major Narcotics Division are prosecuting the case.

Goryl ran a medical clinic in Redondo Beach called "A Better Weigh," located on Artesia Boulevard. The complaint alleges that between April and May of 2014, both Goryl and his assistant, Arvizo, sold hydrocodone and Xanax to undercover Redondo Beach Police Department officers. Prosecutors alleged the drugs were sold without any type of physical examination or medical need.

Goryl is charged with nine felony counts including sales of a controlled substance as well as administering a controlled substance to an individual not under a doctor's care. If convicted, he's facing more than 11 years in local custody.

Arviso is charged with six felony counts, including sales of a controlled substance as well as possession of narcotics proceeds in excess of \$100,000. If convicted, Arvizo is facing up to nine years in local custody.

The case was investigated by the Redondo Beach Police Department in conjunction with the Drug Enforcement Administration.

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